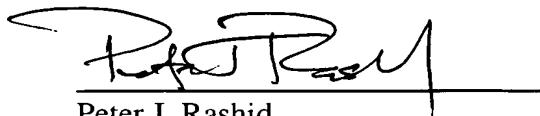


**REMARKS**

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the new claims is respectfully requested. It is believed that the new claims define patentable subject matter. Prompt allowance of the new claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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